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SUBJ: CLOSURE GHANAIAN UNIVERSITIES

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1. ALL THREE GHANAIAN UNIVERSITIES REMAIN CLOSED.

2. COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO STUDENT DISTURBANCES CONTINUES TO HEAR TESTIMONY, HAS NOW VISITED HO, UNIVERSITY OF GHANA (LEGON), AND KUMASI; WILL FINISH UP WITH UNIVERSITY OF CAPE COAST EARLY NEXT WEEK. STUDENT WITNESSES AND UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS HAVE EFFECTIVELY USED HEARINGS TO IMPLEMENT ORIGINAL PURPOSE OF DEMONSTRATIONS, I.E., TO DRAW ATTENTION TO QTE MILITARY CUM POLICE BRUTALITIES UNQTE. DESPITE BADGERING BY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN, STUDENTS FIRM IN DENYING INTENT TO CONFRONT NATIONAL REDEMPTION COUNCIL, STATING REPEATEDLY THAT DEMONSTRATIONS NOT ANTI-GOVERNMENT, JUST METHOD TO GAIN ATTENTION FOR GRIEVANCE. IN TESTIFYING, STUDENT LEADERS REMAIN UNAPOLOGETIC, POINTING OUT CREATION OF COMMISSION ITSELF DEMONSTRATES THAT TACTICS CHOSEN WERE EFFECTIVE ONES. HEARINGS RECEIVING EXTENSIVE PRESS COVERAGE, BUT GOVERNMENT UNEASINESS OVER DIRECTION OF
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EDITORIALS TO LINE THAT STUDENTS ARE GETTING OUT OF LINE,
ABUSING ACADEMIC FREEDOM, AND MAY BE IRRESPONSIBLY SERVING
INTERESTS OF MALIGN OUTSIDE FORCES (READ EX-PRIME MINISTER
BUSIA).
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